

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 130

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A RESOLUTION to designate May 2015 as "Syringomyelia Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, syringomyelia, a progressive disease of the spinal cord with no cure at this time, was first discovered in 1803; and

WHEREAS, men, women, children, and dogs all over the world have been plagued by the widespread physical symptoms associated with syringomyelia; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no universal treatment protocol for patients with this disease, and, even though it was identified more than 200 years ago, little is known about this disease; and

WHEREAS, Worldwide Syringomyelia Task Force Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded on September 23, 2014, by Beth Nguyen, RN, who understands syringomyelia since she battles it on a daily basis. The foundation's mission is to educate the world and offer hope to others battling this disease; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nguyen's fight with syringomyelia empowered her to start this organization to provide crucial education to the medical community and public and pave a new path to improve the quality of life for all those who struggle along with her daily; and

WHEREAS, Worldwide Syringomyelia Task Force Inc. provides a voice for all those who suffer in silence and endeavors to bring to light syringomyelia and dedicate all positive changes to those who have bravely fought and died from this incurable disease; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate May 2015 as Syringomyelia Awareness Month in Tennessee and encourage our citizens to join in this special observance and learn more about

this incurable disease and the work of Worldwide Syringomyelia Task Force Inc. to fight this terrible disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.